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INDEPENDENCE DAZE

Crab Fest, Garden Isle Boat Parade wrap up holiday weekend



Above: Linda Webber hands the second-place Garden Isle Patriotic Boat Parade trophy paddle to the Troups family. Below: A scene from the 35th annual OLG Crab Fest in Bay St. Louis

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

Hancock County celebrated the extended July Fourth holiday weekend in style with multiple events, including the 35th annual Our Lady of the Gulf Church's Crab Festival, the Jourdan River Estates fireworks display and the Garden Isle Patriotic Boat Parade.

"We're having a record day," Crab Fest volunteer Jerry West said over the weekend. "This is awesome! People love their seafood and everybody loves the Crab Fest!"

Crab Fest is OLG's biggest fund raiser each year, raising thousands of dollars for its many outreach pro-



grams. Each year, thousands of people from all over the Gulf South come to feast on fresh seafood, listen to live music from entertainers such

as the Chee Weez and Foret Tradition, and enjoy carnival rides.

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Photo courtesy of Machado/Patano Engineering + Architecture Design
A rendering of the new field house.

Hancock Schools move forward with field house construction

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County School District Board of Education on Monday awarded J.W. Puckett and Co. the bid for construction of the \$1.5 million field house at Hancock High School.

The project is one of many that will be completed with the funds from the recent passage of the \$16.5 million bond.

Brad Patano, with Machado \ Patano Engineering + Architecture Design Group said that the original estimate for the field house was about \$1.5 million.

He said that there were about 10 or 11 bidders. The base bid for the

project was about \$1.2 million, he said. So there was the base bid and 11 alternates added, he said.

"That way we can pick and choose those as we needed," Patano said. "Happy to report that we were able to get all of the items that we had as alternate except for one and that one was a little bit less color in the mats, a little less speckle in the workout mats," he said.

With the board's approval on Monday, Patano said, it will take about 30 days for the contract process and about two weeks for the contractor to mobilize.

Patano said the district could be looking at a tentative groundbreaking date

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Homelessness often doesn't come by choice

Many stereotypes are often improperly attributed to local transient population

BY BILL CURRIE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We've all seen a homeless person walking down Highway 90



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Low: 9:49 PM
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THURSDAY
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High: 1:36 PM

SUNDAY
Low: 12:03 AM
High: 2:11 PM

MONDAY
Low: 12:21 AM
High: 1:43 PM

TUESDAY
Low: 7:09 PM
High: 8:54 AM



with all of his or her possessions in a backpack. His clothes are worn and dirty. Possibly our most common response is the feeling of relief that he will soon be out of sight and into the next county and the next state, probably never to be seen again.

A more anxious encounter is finding yourself first in line at a red light, a homeless person feet away holding a sign asking for help with a scruffy dog guilting you with sad eyes. We try to avoid eye contact, to pretend the person is invisible.

After all, what can one person do at a stoplight that would get that person out of homelessness? If you give him money, will he buy food, alcohol or drugs? Is he mentally stable or will you risk an irrational or unsafe confrontation just by rolling down the window? And finally, you latch upon the comforting thought that there are plenty of shelters for homeless, so if he's begging out in the heat or cold it's by choice.

Homeless by choice? That's a good place to start the discussion.

Kenney Washington is

the director of client services at the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, and he acknowledges his initial view of homeless was flawed.

"I had a perception about homelessness before I took this job nine years ago just like anybody else and I'm willing to say that. I'm willing to say that when I saw a homeless person I said, 'Hey, he or she could do better. This is America. Why are they in that situation?'"

Washington shares a truism of homelessness that erased his false perception.

"Nobody grows up and says, 'You know what? When I turn 18, I can't wait to be homeless.' Or no one says, 'You know what? My goal in life is to live in poverty or be poor.' No one says that."

Washington says seeing a homeless person on the street should be a wake-up call to those of us of moderate means.

"We all are a situation away from being in a homeless situation if you don't have a safety net in place. This thing called life, loss of job, injury at work, death of a family member, nasty divorce;



Photo by Bill Currie

Central Bible Church Pastor Mike Ramsey.

everybody who's homeless is not drug- and alcohol-addicted or has mental health issues. Many just have life issues."

Todd Wimbish has personal insight into homelessness, living that lifestyle for about six years.

"None of us went from sitting where we're sitting now to just jumping right out into a tent," Wimbish

said. "It happens slowly. They might have lost their job and then a few months later the bills are delinquent and they lost their lights and their car and then their house and then their wife."

Jack (not his real name) has been homeless in the area for about a year and a half. He lived in his van

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The Sea Coast Echo is examining the local homeless problem. Here's the series schedule:

- SATURDAY, JULY 6: "Gems" Todd Wimbish and Connie Lyons have given each other support locally.

TODAY

Facts, figures and foundation to what can lead to homelessness.

- SATURDAY, JULY 13: The daily challenges of being homeless can often lead to frustration and dangers.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 17: Resources exist locally to help the homeless, but are they enough?
- SATURDAY, JULY 20: What does the future hold to address and improve the county's homeless situation?

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Results delivered for District 46:

This is the amount of **BP Funding** allocated just for Hancock County under my leadership, according to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality:

- ✓ Restoration at INFINITY Science Center • \$10,400,000
- ✓ Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline • \$50,000,000
- ✓ Port Bienville Trans-Loading Terminal Facility • \$8,000,000
- ✓ Stennis International Airport Hangar • \$2,000,000
- ✓ NOARC • \$2,750,000
- ✓ PRCC Workforce Center • \$3,000,000
- ✓ PRCC Workforce Center Amendment • \$4,000,000
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Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

Bryan C. Thompson, 49, contempt failure to appear, felony possession of controlled substance, parole violation
Lucas A. Ewing, 28, simple assault
Steven K. Lewis, 33, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Lauren E. Carpenter, 27, shoplifting
Nikki R. Bowman, 47, shoplifting
Jonathan T. Greco, 28, contempt of court failure to appear
Phillip A. Milner, 36, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Joseph B. Ellis, 32, simple assault
Christian R. Mclean, 23, hold PTS inmate
Willie J. Milton II, 29, hold PTS inmate
Michael B. Self, 25, hold

PTS inmate
Dwayne A. Creery, 48, hold PTS inmate
Jason M. Martin, 43, hold PTS inmate
Donyale D. Evans, 51, hold PTS inmate
Yoisel Cristobal Gomez Reinoso, 31, hold PTS inmate
Candace D. Stalter, 36, probation violation
Dillon R. Forehand, 23, shoplifting
Jarret D. Garth, 25, shoplifting
Annie D. Trybulski, 49, DUI, leaving scene of accident, no insurance, driving with suspended license, probation violation
Darrance V. Henderson, 19, controlled substance to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute
Valerie E. Moran, 40, DUI, reckless driving, failure to yield to blue lights, probation violation
Albert J. Grelle II, 24, contempt failure to appear
Elizabeth A. Giambelluca, 57, profane and indecent language over telephone x 2
Dwayne M. Leblanc Jr., 34, eluding law officer, DUI
Amy M. Corsor, 38, DUI

1st
Charles Sylvest, 58, DUI
1st
Hailey J. Earl, 20, possession of marijuana while operating a motor vehicle, obedience of official traffic control devices by emergency vehicles
Raymond A. Melendez, 21, hold for other agency
Nicholas R. Wagner, 28, contempt failure to appear
Jesse J. Romero, 34, disorderly conduct
Tanya L. Hightower, 51, DUI 2nd, eluding law officer, designation of stop intersections; design and placement of stop signs, driving while license or driving privilege cancelled
Larone O. Lewis Jr., 25, contempt failure to appear
Tuan T. Nguyen, 41, shoplifting
Travis B. Hurlbutt, 35, contempt failure to appear x 2
Laura L. Jacobson, 53, DUI 1st, reckless driving
Terell J. Alexander, 28, contempt failure to appear x 2
Edward Dubrel II, 23, contempt failure to appear
Hunter B. Vicknair, 18, DUI 1st
Madison Randon, 30, profane and indecent language over telephone x 2
Joseph S. Dunhurst, 37, possession of paraphernalia,

misdeemeanor possession of controlled substance
Blade A. Vanacor, 26, disorderly conduct
David M. Shaheen, 33, contempt failure to appear
Jacob M. Goldstone, 22, drunkenness/profanity in public place, malicious mischief
Jeremy B. Piet, 40, felony possession of controlled substance
Terone R. Thomas, 40, forgery, shoplifting, hold for other agency, probation violation
Terry M. Mosley Jr., 30, simple assault
Steven A. Lopez, 32, contempt failure to appear
Theodore J. Hendricks, 39, trespassing
Bob A. Moser, 46, BUI, no boat registration
Jacob G. Mendoza, 20, simple assault, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Danny W. Page Jr., 33, no drivers license, probation violation
James E. Lenoir, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place, simple assault
Sandra K. Bounds, 57, contempt of court failure to appear
Joseph D. Saucier, 32, contempt of court failure to appear
Sandra K. Bounds, 57, felony possession of con-

trolled substance, parole violation
Dustin B. Necaize, 34, shoplifting
Tonya D. Guilbert, 33, shoplifting
Derrick L. Mivens, 37, hold PTS inmate
Mark Rivera, hold PTS inmate
Domoinique W. Howard, 25, hold PTS inmate
Ervan Mullins, 63, hold PTS inmate
Stephanie L. Albright, 35, hold PTS inmate
Kimberly J. Wells, 51, hold PTS inmate
Jennifer H. Childs, 45, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
Tia K. Johnston, 21, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Alyssa K. Arrington, 30, disorderly conduct, DUI 1st, careless driving
Brandon D. Capps, 20, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Sierra D. Ross, 27, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Prather J. Fitch, 57, contempt failure to appear
Huey P. Woodcock II, 34, contempt failure to appear
Don J. Coe, 32, grand larceny
Jade E. Ladner, 26, felony possession of con-

trolled substance
Brian E. Depreo, 41, punishment for violations where no specific penalty, possession of paraphernalia, possess of marijuana while operating a motor vehicle
Jarrett A. Thomas, 29, DUI
James H. Trauth, 55, contempt of court failure to appear
Deborah A. Castaing, 50, petit larceny
Elijah B. Russell, 20, possession of marijuana while operating a motor vehicle
Brian E. Depreo, 41, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Charles Jefferson, 34, hold PTS inmate
Jeffery S. Yancey, 53, PTS inmate
Armondo Reyna Jr., 33, hold PTS inmate
Michael L. Parker, 34, hold PTS inmate
Isiah A. Dorsey, 38, hold PTS inmate
Donald V. Jones, 37, hold PTS inmate
Stephen Denardi, 34, hold PTS inmate
Gary A. McGowan Jr., 52, false identifying information, contempt failure to appear
Scott M. Hahn, 43, disturbance of family
Joshua M. Mauffray, 21, disturbance of family

\$12,500 Reward Still Being Offered For Information Leading To Arrest Of Escaped Inmates

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Jackson – As the search continues for escaped inmates Jonathan Blankenship and Christopher Benson High, law enforcement officials

are asking the public to monitor updates and to assist agencies with providing any information that could lead to the capture of the subjects. “We encourage everyone to remain vigilant

while the search continues for these escaped inmates,” said Mississippi Department of Public Safety Commissioner Marshall Fisher. “We also want to remind the public of their very impor-

tant role in assisting law enforcement and the \$12,500 reward being offered for information leading to the arrest of the inmates.” If anyone has information regarding the escaped

convicts please contact the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation at 601-987-1530, Mississippi Department of

Corrections at 662-745-6611, or CrimeStoppers at 601-355-TIPS(8477).

Paradise, baby, Paradise'

Jourdan River Estates a finalist in 'Nicest Places in America' contest

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

Bay St. Louis' Jourdan River Estates neighborhood is one of Reader's Digest's finalists for the "50 Nicest Places in America," and you can vote to help it win. "Hurricane Katrina wiped out 58 of the 60 homes here," according to the article at www.rd.com. "But the town's back with a bang, celebrating their recovery with a huge fireworks display. "The Fourth of July celebration at Jourdan River Estates ... is a real blast. Each year residents of the

60-home neighborhood collect about \$15,000 to spend on a rocking fireworks display. "Folks in the small, rural 'weekender' neighborhood of vacation homes on stilts and little docks on canals are patriotic, sure, but that's not the reason they put everything they have into celebrating our nation's founding. They have something of their own to celebrate too," the tremendous success of the neighborhood's recovery efforts. Lonnie Falgout, a former Bay St. Louis city councilman, nominated Jourdan River Estates for the honor, but he said

Reader's Digest's writer got the story details a little mixed up. "I wrote some thoughts about what I thought it was, and somebody from California called and asked me some questions," Falgout said, "but the story they wrote gets things backwards." First, he said, it places Jourdan River Estates in the Kiln, not Bay St. Louis. Second, it says Falgout was a resident there when Katrina struck. He was not. "I am now a resident of the area, but I was not when Katrina came," Falgout said. "I moved here because this is such a beautiful neighborhood. This

was a story that was done to honor a neighborhood that weathered a storm and came back stronger than ever and that's why I moved there. "These people celebrate by getting together and they eat and drink together and celebrate life and take care of each other." To vote, go to <https://www.rd.com/nicest-places/the-nicest-place-in-mississippi-jourdan-river-estates/>.

St. Clare to give bikes to children with disabilities

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St Clare Catholic Church will be donating a check to Ambucs for two therapeutic Amtrykes for children with physical disabilities. These funds are the result of offerings from the children in the St. Clare Parish. Ambucs is a national organization which provides over 3500 trykes nationwide to disabled children. These trykes provide improved strength, tone and coordination. The children also have the opportunity to gain esteem as they feel like a normal child when they are riding these trykes. The children who will be the recipients of these bikes will be at the church as well to receive their bikes. Come join us to see their beautiful smiles as they receive their trykes. The presentation is scheduled this Sunday, July 14, at 9:30 at St Clare Catholic Church, 236 S Beach Blvd., Waveland.

Field

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of Aug. 10. Construction will likely begin mid-to-late August, he said. As per the construction schedule, the field house should be completed by the beginning of next football season, a construction length of 10 months, Patano said. Patano said that the new field house will be about 10,000 square feet and will feature some of the following items: A locker room with lockers; weight room;

a separate co-ed training room; coaches office with showers; showers for the players; and two meeting spaces/classrooms.

In other action: The board approved the 2019-2020 budget with an expenditures amount of \$47,642,725. This year, district business administrator Denise Ladner said the district is requesting \$13,437,722 from the county. The district receives revenue from local sources, including ad valorem taxes, gaming taxes, school lunch, and earned interest.

Ladner said that the district's state sources of funding include MAEP, Homestead reimbursement, ad valorem tax reduction, vocational, and school lunch.

The board approved a motion adding the Dress for Success dress code for the Senior Assembly to the Hancock High School handbook.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at district office, located at 17304 Hwy. 603, Kiln.

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Bringing awareness to rare diseases is important

Growing up in a small town like Bay St. Louis and working for the local newspaper, I figured that one day I would end up writing about a former classmate, or someone else I know, and being a Favre, someone I'm probably related to.

It has inevitably already happened and it did once again this past weekend.

In Saturday's paper, I wrote about eight-year-old Madison Dobson. She is suffering from a rare disease called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

It causes her to lose mobility in her limbs and can affect her nervous system and internal organs.

As with many rare childhood diseases, there is not yet a cure. But her parents are hopeful that a doctor in Illinois can provide the treatment so that their daughter's condition can be considered in remission.

Speaking of her parents, her mother Mindy and I go way back, all the way to Hancock Medical Center.

We were both born at the local hospital back when it was located on Dunbar Avenue, where Dunbar Village is now.

Our moms were in the same room and Mindy was born a couple of days before me. We were even lodged in the nursery room together.

We both went through the Bay-Waveland School District.

She is one of the people from high school that I remember with fondness.

She was, and still is, a sweet person with a big heart.

When I heard about her daughter's condition, I knew I wanted to write a story about it.

No, it's not because we grew up together, but because it's important to bring awareness to rare childhood diseases.

I've written far too many of those type of stories during my six years working for the newspaper.

Sadly, two of the children I wrote about in Pearl River County died at the ripe old age of 12 and two-years-old, respectively.

Even though I only spent a brief few moments with the families, their stories and untimely passings will remain with me always.

Last year, the governor of Mississippi signed a bill to create a rare disease committee of sorts to study the incurable illnesses that plague children specifically.

It's a move in the right direction and I hope that one day parents who deal with the day-to-day horrors of these diseases have more of a voice in the discussions.

Stories like Madison's, I feel, need to be shared. The more we create awareness about it, the more I hope it will push officials towards prioritizing finding cures.

I believe there are probably medical professionals out



Staff Column

By **Cassandra Favre**

A move toward criminal forfeiture

Civil asset forfeiture allows the government to confiscate property on the grounds that it is connected to a crime — without ever convicting someone of the crime. In court, a lower burden of proof applies in these civil cases than in criminal cases, even when valuable property such as the vehicle you drive to work is at stake.

Proponents of civil asset forfeiture will argue that such a practice is needed to keep illegal drugs out of Mississippi. That this is the best tool to stop drug mules from crossing Interstates 10 and 20 and reaching your neighborhood. But that argument quickly falls apart when you look at the latest data about the reality of how the practice is used both here in Mississippi and in the nation's largest civil forfeiture program.

A review of the first 18 months of the state's civil forfeiture database shows Mississippi law enforcement isn't necessarily busting drug kingpins, but more likely collecting cash, an iPhone, or a vehicle if a person is in possession of an illegal substance.

The value of the 315 seizures in the database averaged \$7,490 per seizure. When a single high-dollar forfeiture is removed from consideration, that average value drops to \$5,422. Less than 10 seizures statewide



GUEST COLUMN

by **Brett Kittredge**

amounted to more than \$60,000.

The vast majority of seizures were for \$5,000 or less and fully one-third were for less than \$1,000. In two instances, law enforcement seized just \$50 in cash. Since attorneys' fees and court costs quickly add up to more than those amounts, many people don't even try to contest a low-dollar forfeiture.

A newly released nationwide study also reveals that civil forfeiture fails to fight crime. The non-profit Institute for Justice published a study looking at the nation's largest forfeiture program: the federal equitable sharing program. This is the Department of Justice program that allows local law enforcement to cooperate on forfeiture with DOJ agencies and receive up to 80 percent of the proceeds.

The study combines more than a decade's worth of data from the equitable sharing program, with local crime,

drug use and economic data from a variety of federal sources. It found that increased forfeiture proceeds did not help police solve crimes or reduce drug abuse. However, increases in forfeiture proceeds were strongly related to economic hardship. When local unemployment rose by 1 percentage point, forfeiture increased by 9 percentage points.

Many on the right and left have seen how this practice is unfair, and not in line with our principles. That is why there has been push back at the state level, and even from the U.S. Supreme Court in limiting this practice.

Since 2014, 31 states, including Mississippi, have reformed their civil forfeiture laws. In 2017, the state brought a transparency requirement to civil forfeiture and last year the legislature let the provision of administrative forfeiture die.

Other states have gone further. Seventeen states require a criminal conviction to forfeit most or all types of property. And three states — North Carolina, New Mexico, and Nebraska — have abolished civil forfeiture entirely. What does this look like?

New Mexico enacted sweeping reforms in 2015 abolishing civil forfeiture and replacing it with criminal forfeiture. To forfeit property, the government must convict the owner of a crime and tie that property to the crime with

clear and convincing evidence in criminal court. This shifts the burden from the individual to the government, by requiring evidence that the person had knowledge of the crime giving rise to the forfeiture. And finally, all forfeiture proceeds must be deposited into the state's general fund, eliminating the profit incentive that can distort law enforcement priorities.

Civil asset forfeiture violates fundamental property and due-process rights. If someone has been found guilty of selling or trafficking drugs, their property should be forfeited. But it should take a criminal conviction. That is the national mood, and movement.

States like North Carolina, New Mexico, and Nebraska have not become havens for drug dealers or seen spikes in crime. And again, the latest evidence shows that there is not a relationship between increasing forfeiture and decreasing crime and drug abuse. The choice between civil asset forfeiture and fighting crime is a false dichotomy. We know we can support law enforcement, safeguard our communities, and also protect the constitutional rights of all Mississippians.

Brett Kittredge is the Director of Marketing and Communications for Mississippi Center for Public Policy, the state's non-partisan, free-market think tank.



Governor's Race: Republicans

It's a political year and I was happy to see all the major politicians show up at the Mississippi Press Convention in Biloxi. This week, I'm highlighting the Republican primary for governor:

Bill Waller Jr. is a Jackson resident who served on the Mississippi Supreme Court for 21 years, the last 10 as chief justice. He's been an adjutant general in the Mississippi National Guard, the highest rank.

He spoke off the cuff and had a good command of the issues facing our state. Here are some of his comments:

"We have a thousand teacher vacancies. We're going to do whatever we can as a priority every year until we reach the southeastern average for teacher salaries. We've got to do it or face the consequences."

"The Department of Education is completely



Guest Opinion

by **Wyatt Emmerich**

Publisher of Northside Sun

broken. The teacher assessment test shuts some schools down for six weeks. The test means nothing. You cannot compare one thing in that test to another state.

"We have lost career training in Mississippi. We need to drill down to the seventh and eighth grade and show what the opportunities are, and have the ability of a high school student, if they are motivated, to have a good paying job when they

graduate. We shouldn't totally focus on just the college track.

"We have to have Medicaid reform. I'm pragmatic. I think at this point the Affordable Care Act is here. It's not going away. We have hospitals from one end of the state that have either closed or gone into bankruptcy, consolidated or sold."

"There are 32 hospitals on the danger list. No civilized community can exist without the infrastructure of a hospital in close proximity. There was over \$600 million in uncompensated emergency room care last year. Medicaid reform means a billion dollars a year to Mississippi. We can do it budget neutral and have conservative policies. Right now if you don't make anything you get Medicaid but if you make a little bit you don't get Medicaid. There's something wrong with that. Shouldn't we incentivize people to work? Is that not

conservative? Our workforce participation is only 55 percent. If we could move that just a percent it would have a big effect on the economy. This could happen if people knew they could work a little bit and not lose their Medicaid benefits."

"When you have seven state bridges closed, you've got a serious problem. The lottery is not a dependable source or even enough to do anything. The year 1987 was the last major highway bill. We're the last state in the Southeast to address this. We're going to have to step up to the plate and pass a gas tax, or a user fee would be a more appropriate term. I want to look at something to offset that, maybe with our license tag or personal income taxes."

"It's going to take

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for the first six months until it broke down. With no money to fix it, he began living in the woods. His story affirms Wimbish's description of the slow and unforeseen transition into homelessness.

"I moved here about eight years ago," Jack recalled. "I met a girl down here who became pregnant and I was blessed with a child, but her mother went into post-partum psychosis and she has ruined our lives over it. It's not her fault; it's a mental disability.

"We had a brand new house we lived in along with her parents," he continued. "They were supposed to be paying the bills because they knew the landlord, but we had 12 shut-off notices at the end of the year. I was being sued by the landlord, was kicked out of the house and she kept calling up at work until my boss finally let me go when it became too much of a hassle. Then my phone and my ID were stolen and I couldn't apply for a job without an ID. It all came tumbling down."

Jack describes what being homeless has done for his self-esteem.

"Being homeless is embarrassing. You don't want anybody to know. I feel like there was something I could have done different about it but there wasn't. I stay here for my daughter because she's the only thing I care about in this world and I know her mother's mentally disabled."

Elijah Mitchell is the executive director of the Seashore Mission in Biloxi and he explained the causes of homelessness he is seeing first-hand.

"Some get trapped in the system here and cannot move. Most people come to the Mississippi Gulf Coast because of job opportunities only to discover there may be jobs, but they never considered the housing situation. They can't afford to move into permanent housing because the deposit is so much. And then if they end up with a job they can't maintain that job because you can't work sleeping on the streets and be efficient at a job in the daytime.

"So they end up losing their job. In some cases, jobs are promised to them but by the time they arrive here, the job's filled by somebody else and they used all their resources just to get here.

"There's a young man who comes to the Mission who is a prime example of a job falling through," Mitchell said. "He came from California and was promised a job at one of the casinos as a chef. When he got here, he moved into an apartment thinking he's going to get that salary, but the job was given away. They offered him a job in housekeeping but it wasn't enough money to take care of his housing needs and utilities so he ended up on the streets.

"Nice looking young man, but you see him today you think he's about 80 years of age. His whole demeanor has changed because he got on the streets struggling because of the job opportunity that was lost when he came here."

A false assumption of homelessness is that many prefer living in the woods and isolated from people. The reality is that those who choose to live in a tent over living in traditional housing are rare. However, Washington met one such exception living in the woods.

"I said, 'Man, why are you out here?' He said, 'Kenney, I'm at peace.' So, if the guy living in the woods is at peace, who the hell am I to say he needs to be out? I think we're all

searching for peace in some form or fashion. I said, 'You're in a good place because most of us are trying to get to where you are.'"

LOCAL HOMELESS POPULATION

It shouldn't be difficult to get an accurate count of the homeless living in Hancock County.

In reality, though, some homeless don't fit the preconceived idea of what homelessness should look like. They work, they shower and they're clear-headed and rational. What sets them apart from the general population is that at the end of the day, they sleep in their car or in a tent in the woods.

Washington describes one such person. "One guy was a butcher at a grocery but he came back to his tent every night. We washed his clothes (at the mission) and he showered here. No one knew he was homeless when he went to work. He went to work every day but he was underemployed so therefore he couldn't afford the rent for an apartment but he went to work every day with clean clothes on."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires communities receiving funding from to conduct a "Point in Time" count of the homeless every two years on a night during the last week in January. Since its inception in 1983, many communities have conducted the survey annually to better assess changes in local homeless populations.

Besides counts in shelters, people living in homeless camps are attempted to be counted by volunteers and local, state and federal personnel who venture into the woods with flashlights. The survey also does not count those who are homeless but are moving from couch to couch by staying with friends or relatives.

Mary Simons, the executive director of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition in Gulfport, further explains this portion of the population, saying, "There are several definitions of homelessness. A definition under the Department of Education would be a family or individual who does not have a lease in his or her own name. Particularly in Hancock County that is a large population." For the purposes of this series, that category will be termed "sheltered homeless."

Focusing strictly on those living in their cars or in the woods, or "unsheltered homeless," the count depends on whom you ask, the data they've collected or their personal interactions with the homeless.

Here are samples of population estimates:

"I spent the vast majority of my career in Gulfport, 23 years over there, and the Bay Saint Louis homeless population, compared to Gulfport is tremendously different. I know about one or two homeless we have here in the city but in Gulfport, at any given time there could be a hundred or more."

-- Gary Ponthieux, chief of police, City of Bay St. Louis

"Mayor Smith told me some guy told him there are 40-something [unsheltered] homeless people in Hancock County and I said I really don't think so. I said I thought there are about 15 based on what we know."

-- Rhonda Rhodes, president, Hancock Resource Center

"I would say probably, percentage-wise, at least 10 percent of the population coming to the Kitchen is homeless."

-- Mike Ramsey, pastor, Central Bible Church and King's Kitchen

"I would say out of a hundred (coming to eat at the church), I'd say 20 percent (are homeless)."

-- T. Manuel Johnson, pastor, Waveland United Methodist Church

"In Hancock County there were 17 people identified as living outside on the night of Jan. 29. And then the year before was 15 people."

-- Mary Simons, executive director, Open Doors Homeless Coalition

"It has decreased in the last four years because at one point there were 80 some odd county-wide but now it's about 17."

-- Mike Smith, Mayor, City of Waveland

While it's likely impossible to get an exact count of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless in the county, data and first-hand accounts indicate that homelessness is at least a persistent and, possibly, growing issue.

PERMANENT VS. TRANSIENT

Mention the word "hobo" and the image of a poor migrant worker hitchhiking a ride on a freight train may come to mind.

"We only deal with a few transients here and there," said Waveland police officer John Nelson. "Most of them go through Bay St. Louis up near the interstate. Mostly what we deal with are local homeless that just ended up here which is where they stay."

Washington said Back Bay Mission deals with a larger number of transients. "Maybe 25 or 30 percent. They're here for a couple of weeks and then they go."

Mitchell confirmed the transient nature of homelessness he sees at Seashore Mission. "The population is very transient, especially here in Harrison County. Some people are just passing through, some for a little while until they find there are not enough resources here and they move on to other places."

HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES

The Gulf Coast Mental Health Center categorizes patients as either insured or uninsured. In 2018, the Center treated 567 uninsured patients in Hancock County, the highest per capita rate of the four counties it serves. The center doesn't collect metrics on the housing status of their patients but the mental health issues they treat have been proven to be inducers of homelessness.

"The primary mental health issues in Hancock County that we've been serving are substance abuse," said Vicky Taylor, the Hancock County clinical director for the center. "That is a major issue in Hancock County. After that there are situational stressors like lack of income, lack of resources and lack of transportation, but we serve a lot of clients with serious mental illness like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder which are neurological and chemical imbalances. They aren't necessarily caused by any stressors. We have a lot of seriously mentally ill adults that live in Hancock County."

Mental health grants for the homeless, or indigent, are not enough to meet the demand, according to Taylor.

"Our grant funding will only provide treatment for someone who has a history of hospitalizations, so it has to be a very serious person. It won't just provide it for anyone on the street. We do also get some grant money from the Department of Mental Health to provide indigent care but that money usually doesn't last but a few months into each fiscal year. It's not a huge grant but it does provide some free services."

What does last throughout the fiscal year is assistance from pharmaceutical companies.

"One of the things we do in our entire region for any of our clients who are indigent is we try to get them set up with prescrip-

tion assistance programs through the various pharmaceutical companies that will provide medications for free," Taylor said.

The Gulf Coast Mental Health Center has solid metrics on the prevalence of mental health issues in South Mississippi, but the question of how common are mental disorders among the homeless remains.

"A lot of people's perception is that most of the people who are on the streets have drug and alcohol, mental health or physical disability," Washington said. "Not everybody who actually is homeless is in one of those categories. If you lived on the street for any extended period of time you may have some kind of mental disorder. If you hit the streets normal, there's a possibility you could experience some form of depression. So I wouldn't say that actually everyone who came into homelessness had a mental or physical illness but the longer you stay in homelessness those things can happen."

Anita Caldwell is the Salvation Army Area Commander of South Mississippi and has worked with the homeless throughout her 25-year career.

"When I casework a homeless person, I am very honest with them. My first question is 'What is your drug of choice and when was the last time you used it?' And then you start with that conversation and go forward. We have options that help people who want help with addictions."

Caldwell explains the effect closing mental institutions has had on the homeless. "We don't have a good program for the mentally ill and that's one of our greatest problems. A large percent of the homeless population are mentally ill and we closed down those institutions. Well, now they're on the street and a few get stabilized and then they destabilize very quickly and those are tougher ones."

Lyons attests to the impact untreated mental illness has on the homeless she feeds at King's Kitchen.

"We have a situation here with a young man and he's bipolar, schizophrenic and manic depressive but because he doesn't have the \$20 or \$30 to go to the mental health clinic to get his medicine, he just walks around. When he gets off his medicine he can be dangerous."

Lyons is frustrated that there are a few homeless who can't be helped.

"You still have a group, their mindset has not changed for whatever reason, whether it's drugs, alcohol or just being out there so long, to where Hancock Resource Center, the King's Kitchen, several people tried to help them but they won't get the help."

The trauma of homelessness may be best captured by Waveland Mayor Smith. "I would certainly have some mental health issues if I was homeless."

CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS

Waveland police officer Nelson explains the department's policy.

"We don't arrest for vagrancy. It was an old law, one that's still on there, what vagrancy is. It's a law but now the courts are getting away from prosecuting people for vagrancy."

So if the homeless are no longer being arrested for vagrancy, are they being arrested for other crimes at a higher rate than n o n - h o m e l e s s ? Washington doesn't believe so.

"Do they make their share of mistakes? Of course they do but we all do and I told one of the city council persons, I said, 'Look at the arrest records in your ward. I bet you have more people that are housed that were arrested

than homeless.' Most of the homeless are loitering, trespassing, public intoxication, things of that sort. They're not robbing, stealing, and killing people."

Rhonda Rhodes has a similar view.

"Many homeless are people that could stand next to you in the grocery store and you would otherwise not know they are sleeping outside, so they're really not that scary. And so, conquer the fear. Not that there aren't people that are living outside who have not done good things but there are people next to you driving a nice car and they haven't done good things so don't assume that homelessness creates criminals or homeless people are always criminals."

And then there are those who have become homeless because of the crimes they committed. Pastor Zach Cooper of Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church tells of someone trapped in a jail and homelessness loop.

"I know a guy who made mistakes in his past and did stuff he shouldn't have done. He committed a felony and he served time and then he got out and he has to be on probation and he couldn't get a job because he was a felon. Well, because he couldn't get a job he couldn't pay his probation fees, and because he couldn't pay his probation fees eventually they put a warrant out for his arrest and arrested him and he's just stuck in that cycle."

PANHANDLING

For almost every panhandler genuinely asking for money for food another tale abounds of fraudulent beggars who are given abundant cash by unsuspecting, good-willed donors.

Caldwell has gotten to know how panhandlers operate after dealing with them around the world during her career with the Salvation Army.

"One type of panhandler is the addicted who's not ready to get any assistance yet. Another is the career panhandler, and we actually have one here in Biloxi that makes \$500 a day, so we're talking over \$100,000 a year. It's big money. You can go online, you can watch a video and be taught how to go about the task. Location, location, location. Sign, clothing, wheelchair, dog. Those people aren't homeless. They have homes and cars. It's their career."

"When we see the [panhandler's] sign we think, 'Oh, my. That just happened. They're without food. They're hungry.' No. Four and a half years is the average time people have been panhandling and they make pretty good money at it. Because they have money for food maybe only 5 percent or 10 percent of the panhandlers who need help will seek help. So, it's something to really be informed and consider. We don't say you shouldn't give, but give with the understanding of who you might be giving to."

Waveland Chief of Police Mike Pendergrast related a story of deceit that initially tugged his heartstrings.

"I ran into a guy, a girl and a baby at Walmart. They wanted them off the property because they were out there holding a sign. He

had a gas jug, she was holding a little baby, and I'll be the first to admit I fell for it. I always run the person to see who they are, if they're wanted, and he told me he was out of gas. When he opened his wallet to hand me his driver's license I saw hundred-dollar bills. He had over \$800 in his wallet. I said, 'Sir, you need to get your baby and your wife and your gas jug and leave.' He got in a van with a California tag on it and left. You just don't know what you're falling for with these people. Are they really homeless or are they running a scam?"

Nelson had a similar experience while on patrol.

"I saw one get into a brand new Corvette after sitting there dressed like a homeless person begging for money."

Mayor Smith says those experiences make a lasting impression.

"It's easy to stereotype certain individuals because of instances we've all gone through."

Readers are encouraged to e-mail comments and suggestions to help the homeless to Publisher Rob Langrell at rlangrell@seacoastecho.com. A compilation of e-mails may be published after the series to share the community's ideas.

Awareness

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there right now working on possible cures, but like everything else it seems, their research is underfunded.

I don't have the answers, but I hope that one day parents of children with rare diseases will get some.

I would love to write a story about one of these children being cured, or anyone being cured of an awful disease, for that matter.

What's also expensive for families is paying for travel to and from specialists for expensive treatments.

The Dobson family, in order to raise money for travel and medical treatment, is hosting the first event of its kind in Waveland, a taco festival.

I can't speak for everyone, but who doesn't love tacos? Sounds like a fun event for a good cause.

There will be a cookoff competition with taco tasting; live music; a dance competition; and more.

For ticket information, you can visit wavelandtacofest.com or contact event coordinators Mindy at 228-216-4205, Joe at 228-493-3586, or Melissa Richardson at 228-304-1499.

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Obituaries

SISTER GUSSIE CRAWFORD COMMANDER PAUL JOSEPH TREUTEL

SISTER GUSSIE CRAWFORD

Sister Gussie Crawford, age 72, was born on March 23, 1947 to the late Rev. Ruby Jane Shoemake and Earlie Rogers Smith in Logtown, MS. She was a long time resident of Pearlinton, MS. Sister Gussie Crawford accepted Christ at a very young age. She was an active member of Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, and her longevity, while there allowed her to fulfill many roles as one of the oldest mothers of the church, she was a member of The Household of Ruth 1217, member of The Women's Missionary Society A.M.E.C. 8th. Sister Gussie Crawford never met a stranger, she was someone who had a heart full of love and joy that she shared with any and every one. Sister Gussie Crawford was retired and held numerous secretarial and librarian jobs, she actively worked at the local voting polls each election, every year. She was overall an asset to the Pearlinton Community for many years. Thursday July 4, 2019 she gained her wings at her youngest daughter's home, surrounded by love. She leaves to cherish her memories and eternal legacy: her children, Catherine Smith-Bean and (son-in-law Ronnie), Arthur Smith,

Zabrina Smith (son-in-law David) her siblings Ruby Patterson (Alex), Earline Wheeler, Gilbert Gillum Jr., (Gail), Nancy Stewart (Edmund), Martha Frederick (Dean), Dorothy Jean Smith-Taylor, Cleo Stephens (Martin), Jennifer Grant, Jesse Smith, Gussie life companion Fred Jackson, devoted friend Gwendolyn Robinson, her aunt Lillian Rogers, a host of grand children, two great grand children, two Godsons, Attienne McNeely Sr., Bradford Frederick, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and church family. Funeral service will be held Sat. July 13, 2019 at 11 am in Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church in Pearlinton MS. visitation from 8 am until 11 am, burial will be in the Lindsey Cemetery under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.



COMMANDER PAUL JOSEPH TREUTEL

Commander Paul Joseph Treutel, USN Retired, 59 of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, July 4th, 2019.

He was born in Gulfport, Mississippi on January 6, 1960, and grew up in Bay St. Louis. He was preceded in death by his mother, Karen Kergosien Treutel, and his stepmother, Pennie Herring Treutel. He was a lector and a lifelong Catholic and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

As a teen, Paul served as a camp counselor at St. Stanislaus College, from where he graduated in 1978. He went on to earn his B.S. from USM. Upon graduation, he entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, and was commissioned an Ensign in November of that year. In 1987, as a Lieutenant Paul was assigned to the Naval Space Surveillance Center in Dahlgren, Virginia, where he served as Officer in Charge of Naval Telecommunications



Center, supporting seven commands.

As a naval officer, he fulfilled his dream of traveling by living all over the world, spending years in Australia, California, Hawaii, Belgium, and Virginia, before returning home to the south. He served in Saudi Arabia in Operation: Desert SHIELD, worked with NATO/OTAN, and worked in a confidential capacity for the National Reconnaissance Office.

During his service, Paul earned two master's degrees, an M.B.A. from Chaminade University of Honolulu and an M.S. from Naval PostGraduate School.

He was a skilled sailor, an avid fan of jazz music and the Beatles, and a lover

of architecture and history.

He is survived by his father, David Treutel Sr, and his siblings, David Allen Treutel Jr, twin brother Stephen Brian Treutel, Melissa Treutel Schmidt, Catherine Treutel Kidd, and Susan Treutel Gachassin. He also leaves behind sons Paul Jennings Treutel and William Joseph Treutel, daughters Grace Karen Treutel Porter and Hope Elizabeth Treutel, grandchildren Lucy, Atlas, Miyako, and Azuma, former spouse Jill Tisdale Treutel, and companion Donna Miller. He was dearly loved and will be missed by so, so many.

Visitation will be Friday, July 12, 2019 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS from 9:00 am until 11:00 am with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am. Interment with full Military Honors will be Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10:00 am at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Bay Councilmen complete MML training

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Bay St. Louis Councilmen Jeffrey Reed and Doug Seal recently graduated from the basic level of the Certified Municipal Office program, which is sponsored by the Mississippi Municipal League.

According to a release from the city, this program allows "local elected officials complete training and activities directly related to understanding and improving the management of local municipal issues."

Both Reed and Seal received the basic CMO

certification after completing a minimum of 60 hours of MML training. The program is designed to take about two years.

According to the release, the certification course is "voluntary" and participants complete four core courses: Municipal Organization; Municipal Law; Municipal Finance; Municipal Land Use; in addition to 40 elective hours.

"The CMO program provides the participants training to help them become more effective leaders for their respective cities, and the Mississippi Municipal League is proud to offer this opportunity," MML Executive Director Share T. Veazy stated in the release.

MML was established in 1931 and represents the 293 city, town, and village governments in Mississippi, the release states.

"The mission of the MML is helping cities and towns eel through training, lobbying at the state and federal level, and providing resources and networking opportunities with state, federal and private entities," the release states.

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2019-2020 BWSD Mandatory Registration

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The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will hold registration for the 2019-2020 school year on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and

Monday, July 22 from noon to 6 p.m.

Location: Bay-Waveland Middle School located at 600 Pine Street in Bay St. Louis

Identification is required for all parents/guardians registering students.

Registration is required for all students, including incoming kindergartens who pre-registered in the Spring, current students and any new students to the district.

Before any student can register to attend school, the student's parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence within the BWSD school district's boundaries. Please contact your child's school with any questions regarding boundaries.

All students entering 7th grade must provide an updated Mississippi Immunization Compliance Form 121

from the Health Department showing the required T-dap vaccine on it.

Online registration in InfoSnap will be used again for 2019-2020. Parents or guardians should have received a letter by mail with instructions and a snapcode for registration. If you did not receive your letter, please contact your student's school.

Parents/Guardians of returning students should review and update information for the new school year in InfoSnap prior to coming in to provide proofs of residency. Computers will also be available at Bay-Waveland Middle School during registration days.

Please contact your child's school of enrollment with any questions:

Bay High (9-12) 228-467-6611

Bay-Waveland Middle School (6-8)

228-463-0315

North Bay Elementary (3-5) 228-467-4052

Waveland Elementary (K-2) 228-467-6630

For questions, regarding buses please contact First Student at 228-466-9002.

School Supplies Included in Mississippi's Sale Tax Holiday Weekend

SEA COAST ECHO

In 2009, the Mississippi Legislature enacted a Sales Tax Holiday for the retail sales of clothing and footwear. With the passage of Senate Bill 2955 during the 2019 legislative session, school supplies were added to the list of items

that are sales tax exempt. In order to qualify, each item must cost less than \$100 and the sale must occur on Friday, July 26 – Saturday July 27, 2019.

"The original bill did not include school supplies. It took 8 years to get it passed," said Senator Walter Michel, who authored the bill. "In order

to get the bill passed, we included clothing and footwear... items that everyone could use. This year, crayons, erasers, pens, pencils, notebooks, lunchboxes, textbooks,

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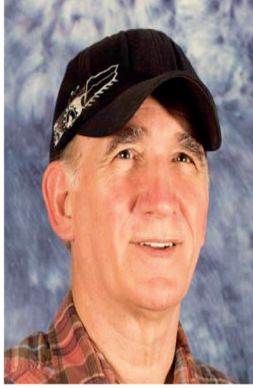
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Garden Isle

The Garden Isle Community on Saturday hosted its annual Independence Day weekend Boat Parade.

"This really turned out well," Bay St. Louis Mayor

Mike Favre, one of the judges for the event, said Saturday. "Everybody's having a great time."

Dozens of families decorated their boats in patriotic colors and traveled down the Jourdan River in All-American style.

There were also bragging rights at stake – a panel of judges selected the first-, second- and third-place winners of the boat

decoration contest.

The winners included Dean and Michelle Lamb and crew, first place; Bill Touns and Family, second place; and Malcolm and Karen Melancon, third place.

This year, the community also selected two local children as the "king and queen" of the parade, Queen Ava Paternostro and King Jayce Stevens.



Above: Dean and Michelle Lamb's crew celebrates winning first place in the Garden Isle Boat Parade. Below: The Crab Fest midway.



RACE

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something around \$400 million a year to have a measurable impact to repair the bridges, fix the roads and have some new coverage. You have to have a stable, predictable source of revenue. The price of asphalt, steel and other raw materials has gone up 500 percent since 1987. There is no other place to get this money, so we have to go there. It's not going to be easy, but we're going to take the battle to the people and I think we're going to win.

"What's been missing on the executive branch is working with people, working with the legislature and working with people from all walks of life, and I've done that as chief justice.

"Let's look at Arkansas. They had five times the population growth that we had and a \$200 million budget surplus. This is what I'm predicting. This is what I'm banking on. This is my campaign: If we can get the teacher pay raise going, if we can get Medicaid reform and a billion dollars to 160 hospitals and 60,000 employees and get all these road projects going, then I think those three things would produce a Mississippi miracle right here. I'm convinced we can do it. We would see an immediate material benefit within a year that would produce money for other things. Money for prisons, money for mental health, a real renaissance in the state.

"People need to be excited. They need to have something to look forward to. We need some action, some activity, some plans, some announcements. People need to have some pride in what we're doing and see some optimism. That's what I think will happen."

Tate Reeves is from Rankin County and has been lieutenant governor for eight years and before that state treasurer for another eight.

Reeves spoke more formally from a prepared text. Here are some of his comments:

"When I ran for lieutenant governor eight years ago, Mississippi's high school graduation rate was 74 percent. The national average was 83

percent. Since then, the national average has risen from 83 percent to 84 percent. Meanwhile, Mississippi's average has risen from 74 percent all the way up to 84 percent. Our graduation rates today are now on par with the national average and if the trend continues, and I believe it will, we will exceed the national average by next year. This was a simple solution, as most effective fixes usually are. We raised the level of expectations. We raised the goal and set real consequences for failure to achieve it and now Mississippi kids are learning more and learning faster than ever before.

"If you look at the state's test results, if you look at fourth-grade reading and fourth-grade math and eighth-grade reading and eighth-grade math year-to-year growth numbers, Mississippi kids, those four categories, the worst they performed was 12th in the nation. In fourth grade reading, we're second in the nation in gains.

"I'm proud of the fact there are 695 children with special needs who now have the opportunity to get the education they deserve because we stood up to powerful special interests who have prevented these reforms for too long. I'm willing to experiment to get new results for these kids. Before we started that program, Mississippi's high school graduation rate for students with special needs was 22 percent. The good news is that by infusing a little competition for the dollars that these kids get in the system, our high school graduation for special needs has risen over the last three years from 22 percent to almost 35 percent. We cut the gap with the national average in half, and we still have a long way to go but we're making progress. I believe we need to keep reforming our schools.

"Our economy is growing and now our unemployment rate is at the lowest level than at any time in our state's history. But that's not good enough for me. As governor, I will compete with every other state in the country. I'll compete every single day to win jobs for our people. We will invest more in workforce training so people are ready not for the jobs of the last 50 years but for the jobs of the next 50 years. We will have not one

items are included," said the Senator who represents Madison and Hinds Counties.

"Business owners can also take advantage of the

'King For A Day'



SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

Five year old Gage Garriga has literally grown up fishing. He has a pond in his back yard, and his dad is a charter boat captain. Young Gage had an amazing opportunity to fish Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo with his Dad, over the 4th of July weekend. The kids day was on Saturday, and the Garriga boys went all out.

I've known and fished along side Brian for several years. I can tell you first hand, this guy is a fishing machine. He is one of the hardest working guys I know. During the busiest time of year, it was a big deal for Brian to take a day "off", and fish the rodeo with his son.

Gage and Brian were not after one fish, they were after several. We ran into the boys on the water, early that morning, and they were well on their way. Gage had already caught a huge bull red, a large white trout, speckled trout, and ground mullet. The boys were sitting

pretty, but were looking a big black drum.

If you think for a second that catching a rodeo placing fish is easy, think again. How about catching FIVE fish!!! Compound that with choppy seas, along with this whole fresh water thing. Brian and Gage kept pushing, and finally found a big drum.

We got the text later that evening that Gage's fish placed in ALL FIVE CATEGORIES. His 27 pound bull red even got him a first place honor. Gage was crowned King Fisherman for the kids rodeo! Brian was about as excited as could ever imagine.

Very proud of these two fellas, they worked their tails off to get those fish. They had a game plan, stuck to it, and did exactly what planned to do. Well done Gage, and well done Capt Brian, you guys are awesome!!!

As always, have fun and be safe.



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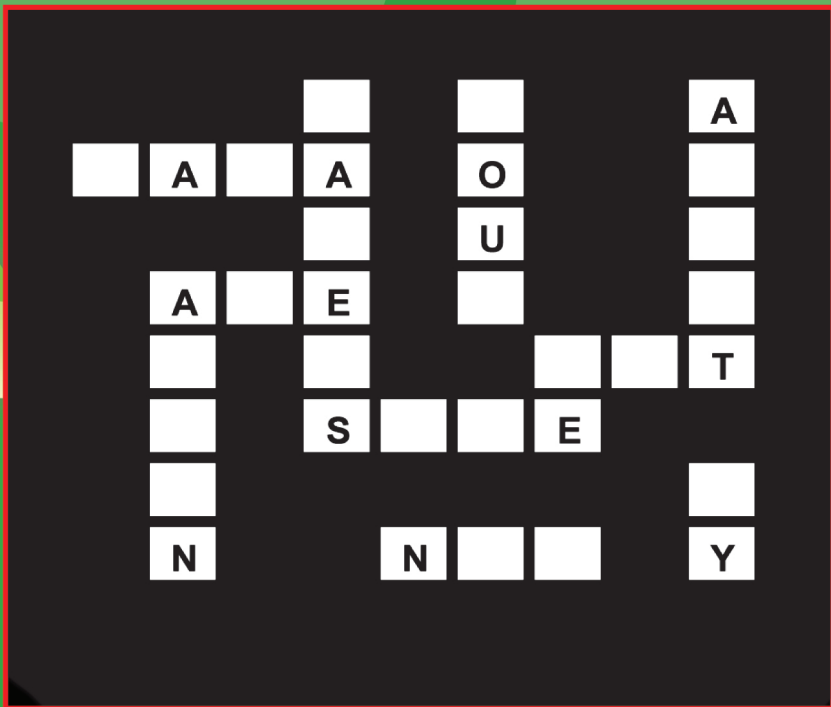
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OLD TOWN IS OLD MEXICO FOR FRIDA FEST

BY CAROLINE ST. PAUL
AND ECHO STAFF

People all over the Gulf South are hastily preparing their uni-brows and flower crowns for this Saturday's fifth annual Frida Fest in Old Town Bay St. Louis this Saturday, which just happens to coincide with the Old Town Merchants Association's Second Saturday Artwalk.

Frida Kahlo de Rivera was a famed surrealist painter from Mexico who became a feminist icon nearly 40 years after her death.

Frida Fest, scheduled from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, is the brainchild of Smith & Lens owners Ann Madden and Sandy Maggio.

Here are just a few of the events planned for Frida Fest:

11 a.m.-6 p.m.: Taco Extravaganza at the Starfish Cafe, 211 Main St.

12 p.m.: Frida-inspired Pop Up opens with Julia Reyes's Little Windows in the Gallery, Smith & Lens, 106 S 2nd Street.

2 p.m.: Get Frida-fied with Connie Bourgeois, who will do braids, brows and Frida makeup in the grassy area across from Smith & Lens, 106 S 2nd St.

3 p.m.: Piñata contest at Century Hall, 112 S. Second St.

3 p.m.: Tin Types by photographer Sean Smith on the patio. Magnolia Antiques, 200 Main Street.

3 p.m.: Salsa Tasting Contest at Century Hall. Bring your salsa for the 4:00 tasting contest in a



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THE FIFTH ANNUAL FRIDA FEST IS SCHEDULED DURING THE OLD TOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK THIS SATURDAY, JULY 13. ONE OF THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF FRIDA FEST IS THE "FRIDA BE YOU & ME" FRIDA KAHLO LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST.



LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC CENTURY HALL IN BAY ST. LOUIS, SASSY BIRD INTERIORS OFFERS BEAUTIFUL HOME FURNISHINGS AND ART. SHOP OWNER HOLLY HARRISON-MCDOWELL INVITES EVERYONE TO JOIN HER FROM 4-8 P.M. TO CELEBRATE FRIDA FEST AND SECOND SATURDAY.



AMY KRAMER, WHOSE WORK REFLECTS HER LOVE FOR THE GARDEN, WATER, LAND, AND THE ENVIRONS SURROUNDING THE GULF OF MEXICO, IS ONE OF THE FEATURED ARTISTS AT GALLERY 220 FOR THIS SECOND SATURDAY.



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3 p.m.: Raices, traditional Latin band, performs at Smith & Lens, 106 S 2nd St.

4 p.m.: Salsa tasting contest judging. Century Hall, 112 S 2nd St.

4 p.m.: Art activities for kids with The Arts, Hancock County & Main St. Methodist. Paint a portrait of Frida on Canvas (or you could make it a self portrait). Paint a cut-out of Frida's Casa Azul (Blue House) Make a Luche Libre mask to celebrate your favorite Mexican Pro wrestler. Grounds of Main St Methodist on Corner of Main & 2nd, 162 Main St.

4-7 p.m.: Free LOLEA Sangria tasting. Bodega Spirits Liquor/Parrot Head Grill, 111 Court Street.

5 p.m.: Blue Magnolia takes the stage at Mockingbird Cafe, 110 S 2nd Street

5-7 p.m.: Register for Frida Be You & Me look alike contest (must be in costume). \$10. Smith & Lens, 106 S. 2nd Street

5:30 p.m.: Loteria with Lugo on the patio. Smith & Lens, 106 S. 2nd Street.

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Xoxhiquetzalli Cultural Project traditional dancers and Bay Ratz Marching Battery. Roaming and entertaining Old Town BSL

7 p.m.: Special performance by Krewe de Mayahuel. Smith & Lens, 106 S. 2nd Street

7:30 p.m.: FRIDA BE YOU & ME look-alike contest begins with celebrity MCs Desiree Ontiveros and Kookie Baker and celebrity judges, Catalina Reyna, Julia Reyes, Rhonda Findley, Susan Haney & Virginia Saussy. PLUS - very special entertainment while the judges deliberate.

8:45 p.m.: 2nd line with the Bay Ratz Marching Battery to the 100 Men Hall, Smith & Lens, 106 S. 2nd

9 p.m.: After Party featuring Alexey Marti at 100 Men Hall, 333 Union St.

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- Sycamore House - Frida Punch, Watermelon Margaritas, & Sangria, 210 Main St.

Hot Spots

The Old Town Merchants Association (OTMA) and its members invite you to experience the Second Saturday Art Walk this Saturday, July 14. Also known as Second Saturday, the event has become a regional favorite and regularly draws visitors from New Orleans to Biloxi.

Each month during Second Saturday, two OTMA members are featured as Hot Spots, and Bijoubel and the 100 Men Hall are this month's picks. Between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., visitors can stop by the Hot Spots and other shops for refreshments and live music.

HOT SPOTS

Bijoubel

Bijoubel, owned by Melissa Hamilton, is a fashion boutique that sells fashion jewelry, clothing, and other accessories. In March, the shop moved to 136 Main Street.

Hamilton began her business inside of Century Hall, where she was for two years. She then moved inside of the Maggie May building for almost five years.

Although she does miss the influence she had from the other shop owners whom she shared a space with in the past, Hamilton is enjoying the new location immensely.

Bijoubel carries Catherine Popesco and Marianna jewelry, both of which are made from Swarovski crystals, their own jewelry line which is called Ava Kate, Renaldo, which features a bracelet of the month and meaningful messages in each one, and My Saint My Hero.

They also carry Joan Vass, a high-end clothing line which they get close-out pieces and samples of. Nothing in this line is over \$40, making it a steal.

"We've always tried to give affordable pricing" Hamilton explains. She likes the fact that mothers can feel comfortable going into Bijoubel with their daughters because they can afford to buy them something without guilt. Customers are also never afraid to tell Hamilton what they want.

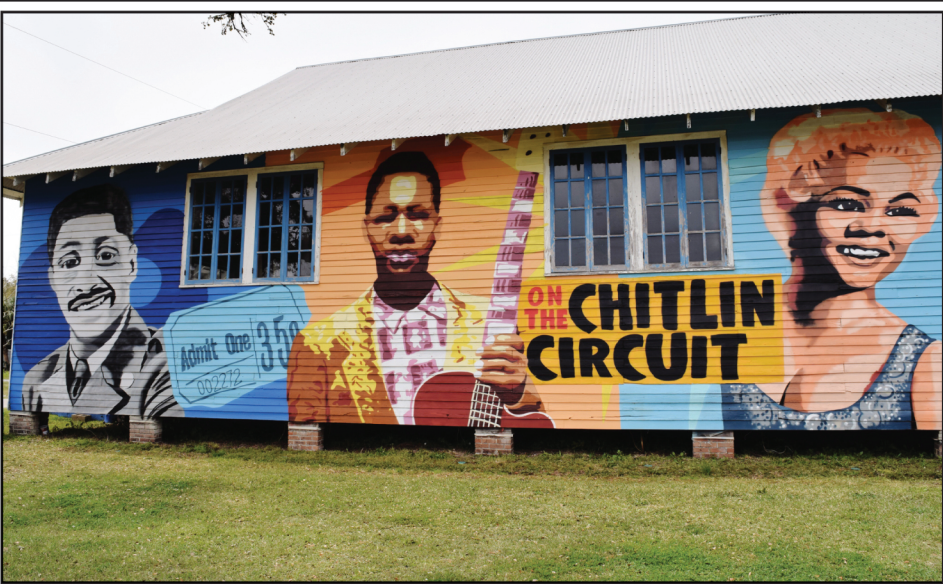
Hamilton's favorite part of being in Bay St. Louis is the people and the culture. "We can all come together and be a part of one community." She also loves the fact that you can feel "free to be yourself."

For July 13 Second Saturday Art Walk, Bijoubel will be featuring three local artists on the back porch of the shop and a live band in the back garden.

There will also be Mexican food to go along



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with the theme of Frida Fest. Music is brought to you by Hancock Whitney Bank, The First, and The People's Bank. Make sure to visit Bijoubel as a "hot spot" all month!

100 Men Hall

When Rachel Dangermond bought the historic 100 Men Hall last July, she intended on using it to hold writing workshops in, until she began to truly understand what it is all about and its many layers of history. After being closed for five years, "The Hall" needed someone dedicated to resurrect it, and that's just what she did, and is continuing to do, almost a year later.

The 100 Men Hall was started by a group of African American men in 1894 during a time in which "dark forces in society" were working against them.

Dangermond explains, "it became, for three generations in this community, an energy center." Fast-forward to 2019, and "The Hall" is being shared with an even larger community and "continuing to make its history."

An African American landmark on the Mississippi Blues Trail, The 100 Men Hall is located at the edge of the historic district at 303 Union Street across the tracks from the Train Depot. This non-profit raises "funds to preserve and maintain the hall." It is available for rental for events, and there are always exciting activities being held, which can be found at thehundredmenhall.com.

The mission of The 100 Men Hall has three parts: the first, is to tell the story of "The Hall" and narrate its history, because it is "very important and unique to this area." The second is to present live music. "We consider that a sacred act that the hall was built for" Dangermond explains. Music events are held often and always have a sponsor to help.

In turn, these events contribute to community events that are always free, one of these being Open Mic Night, which is held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

The last part of the mission is to gather the community.

"This hall was built for the African American community, and the African American community is very important to the history and the telling of the history of the hall, and is very important to our mission as

well. However, it's also important that we gather all the community from all different segments and all different areas under one roof." Community engagement is vital for the success of "The Hall."

Throughout her time of owning The 100 Men Hall, Rachel has had a lot of support. "I think everybody in this community loves this hall and wants to see it succeed" she says.

The 100 Men Hall is an "ongoing work in progress" which there are big plans for. Looking ahead for Labor Day weekend is "The Hall's" first annual festival, Booker Fest, with everything being in the theme of James Booker.

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Gallery 220

Gallery 220 Main is pleased to feature the works of two local painters, Amy Kramer and

Dodie Connor, for the month of July.

Amy Kramer's aquatic and botanical life began in her youth and continues today in her colorful and energetic abstract canvases. Inspired by her surroundings, she loves her life in the Bay. She has studied formally and informally in a multitude of art forms including acrylic, wood and clay, but she is mostly self-taught. Kramer holds an Engineering Degree from LSU and resides in Bay St. Louis. She has been a longstanding member of the Gallery 220 co-operative.

Dodie is an Artist specializing in mixed media, primarily broken glass, glass shards, oyster shells, sea shells and other items on canvas, driftwood, or other unique back drops, covered with an Acrylic Resin pour. Dodie has always had an eye for design and color and began her journey after moving back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast was bitten by and artistic bug after taking a Glass Art class. She was hooked immediately and began pouring (no pun intended) herself into her new found craft and developing her talent. She continues to develop her skill through her creations and finds new ways to create unique art that fits any home decor.

Dodie also owns and operates Brush & Glass Studios with her husband Tony, who specializes in acrylic and oil painting on Canvas, Linen, and occasionally on antique slate. Gallery 220 is known for it's lively entertainment

and creative atmosphere. Over 25 local artists are members of the co-operative art gallery and encourage all to visit and see why Gallery 220 is the cool summer hangout. For more, please call Gallery 220 at 228 466-



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JULY 10

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• Christian Stephenson, Hancock County Extension agent, will present a program on “Cut Flowers for the Mississippi Gardener” on Wed., July 10 at 2 p.m. The program will include information on how to grow and harvest cut flowers for gardeners in Coastal Mississippi, as well as what flowers perform well and how to manage common insect and disease problems. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue in Pass Christian. For further information, please call the Pass Christian Library at 452-4596 or email passchristianlibrary@gmail.com.

JULY 13

• Bay St. Louis Little Theatre holding auditions for thriller “The Manchurian Candidate” adapted for stage by John Lahr. A platoon of G.I.s is captured and end up at a ladies’ garden party. Or do they? In the setting of the war in the Middle East, a diabolical plot of brainwashing and political ambition. Auditions on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. and Monday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. The casting calls for 17 men and 7 women adults of all ages. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. All are welcome to audition. “The Manchurian Candidate” opens on September 20th. Show dates are September 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. For more information call 504-453-4888 or 228-467-9024.

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JULY 16

• The Hancock County SWCD will host a free Conservation Education workshop July 16-17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at the Camellia, in Kiln. The event is open to all teachers in the three coastal counties. Each teacher will receive 1.5 CEU's by attending the workshop. Lunch, supplies, and CEU's will be provided thru a grant with MS Dept. of Environmental Quality. Availability is limited - if interested please contact Suzette Jetton by calling or texting 601-528-1721 or by emailing suzettelynnjetton@gmail.com.

• The Helping Hands Community Organization is hosting a Meet and Greet for Democratic Mississippi Secretary of State candidate Johnny DuPree at the Waveland Ground Zero Hurricane Museum, located at 335 Coleman Ave., Waveland at 6 p.m. The general public from along the Gulf Coast is invited to attend.

JULY 17

• Sign up now for two fun and informative programs next Wednesday, July 17! A children’s program on learning about Venomous Mississippi snakes is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with Pearl River County Extension Agent Dr. Eddie Smith. (Lifelike snake replicas will be used in this program, not live snakes!). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Members’ children \$1; non-members’ children \$3 (no charge for adults). An adult program on gardening to attract birds will follow, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Learn about the birds found in coastal Mississippi, plants that are useful to them, and how you can encourage them, with Dr. Eddie Smith. Members \$2, and non-members \$5. Please call 601-799-2311 to sign up (We are open Saturday and Sunday!)

JULY 18

• The monthly luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, at noon at the Kate Lobrano House. The speaker will be James Randolph, who will discuss the changes in Hancock County in the past 100 years. Please call by noon on Wednesday, July 17, to make your reservation in order to help organizers plan seating, which is limited to 54 people; and to apprise them of the number of lunches to order. Lunch is \$14 for members and \$15 for non-members, payable at the door, and will be catered by Almost Home Catering, Michelle Nichols, chef. The lunch menu is bourbon pork chops, red potatoes, salad, rolls, and crème de menthe cupcakes.

JULY 19

• Come join us for the 3rd annual Hemingway Festival for a night of food, drink, music, auctions, and fun. This annual fundraiser benefits the Waveland Ground Zero Hurricane Museum. Specifically this year's donations support an Oral History project focusing on capturing the colorful memories of the residents from Waveland and nearby communities. On Friday, July 19 is the patron party which includes "A Movable Feast" with pairings from Rum Kitchen. Music provided by a popular DJ, a live auction, Cigar Bar, the ever-popular Hemingway look-alike contest and new this year; best dressed award for Roaring 20s in Paris. Costumes optional but recommended. On Saturday, July 20 is Family Fun Day. New this year is a literary contest for high school students, an expanded parade with many local favorites, the fun Bull Run and of course, the after party. For more information on the events and for ticket information, please contact Jo Ann Harper at 985-249-1103.

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contest for high school students, an expanded parade with many local favorites, the fun Bull Run and of course, the after party. For more information on the events and for ticket information, please contact Jo Ann Harper at 985-249-1103.

JULY 22

• Calvary Chapel Bay St. Louis will host the CCBSL Konnect Kids Vacation Bible School July 22 through 26, with a "Celebration Sunday" event on July 28. The VBS, for children in grades K-5, is scheduled from 5:30-8 p.m. each day. Drop-off begins at 5 p.m. Food will be provided. The theme of the VBS is "In the Wild." Each session takes participants on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y4kmmqfs>.

JULY 27

• Waveland's first Taco Fest will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Coleman Avenue. The event includes a taco cookoff competition with unlimited taco testing; a silent auction; live music; children's events; craft vendors; local candidate introductions; and a dance and limbo competition. The price of an adult ticket is \$25 and \$10 for children, which includes unlimited taco tasting. Tickets are \$20 if purchased prior to the event. For more information, visit wavelandtacofest.com or contact event coordinators Mindy Dobson at 228-216-4205, Joe Dobson at 228-493-3586, or Melissa Richardson at 228-304-1499.

• The Helping Hands Community Organization is hosting its annual Back To School Summer Fest featuring games, hot dogs, hamburgers, and a school supplies giveaway as long as supplies last. The group is also asking local businesses and the public for school supply donations. The event begins at 3 p.m. at MLK Park on Herlihy Street in Waveland. For more information, contact Clarence Harris at 228-343-1174 or Earlene Washington at 228-263-4545.

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Buck Jumping at 100 Men Hall

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Bay Saint Louis – Rail Yard Films at the 100 Men Hall will be screening director Lily Keber’s latest documentary, *Buckjumping* on Friday, July 26 at 7PM to 10PM. Please join us on this cinematic journey through the soul of New Orleans.

The Bitter Southerner writes: Lily Keber’s feature-length documentary, “Buckjumping,” will take filmgoers deep into more than a half dozen New Orleans neighborhoods, where second-line parades boost the spirits and bring communities together in a way that happens nowhere else. <https://bittersoutherner.com/a-dance-of-liberation-buckjumping>

Lily is a filmmaker and educator based in New Orleans. Her award winning directorial debut, *Bayou Maharajah*, will be

screened at the 100 Men Hall’s first annual Booker Fest debuting August 30/31, 2019. Lily’s second feature documentary *Buckjumping* premiered in October 2018 to the largest audience ever assembled at the New Orleans Film Festival.

Keber has produced for Arcade Fire, Beyoncé, and Preservation Hall. Her films have covered the Department of Homeland Security’s policy of family detention, prison conditions in Gaza and the deteriorating environment of the Gulf Coast. Her work has appeared on ARTE, HBO, MTV News, Time, Al-Jazeera English, Democracy Now!, Sundance DocClub, Hulu, Netflix, iTunes, Electronic Intifada and PBS.

Food will be for purchase by Food Network’s Chef Chris Hayes of The Smoking Oyster whose food and recipes have been

winning awards in New Orleans and around the country.

Tickets for Buckjumping benefit both the 100 Men Hall, a 501c3 nonprofit as well as the distribution of the documentary, *Buckjumping*. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased here: <https://the100menhall.com/products/buckjumping> or \$15 at the door. All tickets will be at Will Call.

General Info:
Friday, July 26, 2019, 7-10PM Buckjumping by director Lily Keber
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Hancock High Beta Takes Top Honors at National Convention



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Nineteen Hancock High School Beta Club members attended the National Beta Club Convention in Oklahoma City on June 18-21. The club was highly successful and took home many esteemed honors, bringing home a record seven national top ten awards: the most in club history. First, Hancock High Beta was named an Outstanding Leadership Club. This award was only given to three schools nationwide. Hancock earned this honor by serving the community while fostering leadership through character education. They were named National Champion in Portfolio (formerly known as scrapbook). Sophomore Sami Sabbagh won third place in Speech Division 1, and freshman Elisabeth Moar won third place in On Site Painting Division 1. The team of Dylan Anderson, Stephanie Austin, Brooke Howard, Hayden Grogg, and Tyreek Jones placed third in Rapid Response. Also, Peyton Lagarde placed seventh in Digital Arts Division 1. Finally, the team of Allen Chatelain, Audrey Dienes, and Tyreek Jones placed 7th in Service Snapshot Expo for their presentation of the club's flu prevention campaign. These seven national awards helps Hancock High Beta maintain its record as most decorated Beta Club in the state of Mississippi and a top 5 Beta Club on the national level! The club is sponsored by head sponsor Amanda Pidgeon, assistant sponsors Elizabeth Grafe and Krystle Womack, junior sponsor Matti Dunn, and sponsor emeritus Kay Palombo. Special thanks to Kristina Moody and Melinda Parnell for driving the club to convention.

Diamondhead Marine Corps League / Big Kahuna Golf Fundraiser



Photos submitted

In 2018 The Diamondhead Marine Corps League 1454 partnered with The Diamondhead Golf Club in order to establish a fundraiser that would support Mississippi Gulf Coast Veterans in need of financial support. In 2018 The Marine Corps League and the Diamondhead Golf Club raised \$12,000 during its first year; with all funds going to approximately 14 Veteran families in need. During the 2019 (June event) The Golf tournament fund raiser successfully raised \$22,000 which will all be used to support many pending cases of veterans in need of financial assistance. If there is a Veteran you know in need of assistance, please contact Darryl Davis at ddavis@corpsvalues.us or Craig Harvey at charvey@nvisionsolutions.com .

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Sale Date will be Thursday July 25th at 8:00 am at the following address.

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
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INVITATION TO BID DIAMONDHEAD ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE 1

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525, until 10:00 am, local time, on the day of Thursday, August 8, 2019, and shall open and the bids amount read aloud for the following project: DIAMONDHEAD ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1 CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI DIGITAL ENGINEERING PROJECT NO. 730-1000-004

The Work included in the Contract shall consist of improvements to approximately 9.5 miles of roadway in the City of Diamondhead, primarily in neighborhoods located north of I-10 and on the outside edges of the city. Road improvements include the following: a combination of a scrub seal followed by a high polymer microsurfacing treatment to approximately 7.7 miles of roadway; a high polymer microsurfacing treatment to approximately 0.7 miles of roadway; reconstruction and rehabilitation to approximately 1.1 miles of roadway; and roadway base repairs.

Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations: Digital Engineering 314 Coleman Avenue Waveland, MS 39576 City of Diamondhead 5000 Diamondhead Circle Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required) Plans and specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within the contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly DIAMONDHEAD ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1 and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his Name, his Address, and his Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. If submitted electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed in writing to John Stein, PE at jstein@dei.net. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.

The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525 on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality (non-responsive-ness) in a Bid, or to make award to the lowest and best qualified, responsive, and responsible Bidder and reject all other Bids, as it may best serve the interest of the OWNER. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitting electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid.

Effective July 1, 2010; Per MS Code 31-3-21(3); any bid submitted by a nonresident contractor which does not include the nonresident contractor's current state law pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors, shall be rejected and not considered for award. If no such law exists in the nonresident contractor's state, then the nonresident contractor may provide a statement to that effect.

Published by order of the Diamondhead City Council

Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

City of Diamondhead

07/10; 07/17/19

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2019, WORM-HEAD, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, executed a Deed of Trust to David M. Allen, Trustee, for the benefit of CRESCENT BANK, a Louisiana bank, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 2019 at Page 3270 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and, WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust in favor of Crescent Bank, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable, pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and Crescent Bank, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Trustee to sell the herein described property in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David M. Allen, as Trustee, will, on the 24th day of July, 2019, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash and/or credit, to the highest and best bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: Begin at the SE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T5S, R15W, Hancock County, Mississippi and N89°49'00"W 1004.27' to a found iron pipe located at the Southeast corner of a parcel owned by Michael Whitefield; thence run N00°28'29"W along said parcel 321.72'; thence run S84°30'E 99.60'; thence run S88°30'E 260'; thence run N76°10'E 180'; thence run N53°32'E 180'; thence run N37°02'E 289.62'; thence run N35°09'41"E 267.40'; thence run S00°07'14"W 103.55' to a found iron pipe located at the point of beginning of a 0.83 acre parcel recorded in deed book B824, page 651; thence run S59°39'45"E 166.98' to a found iron pipe located at the East corner of said parcel; thence run S19°15'45"W 436.85' to a found iron pipe located at the South corner of said parcel; thence run S00°01'31"E 308.11' to the Point of Beginning, said parcel is located in the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T5S, R15W, Hancock County, Mississippi and contains 11.16 acres, more or less. Title to said property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title vested in me pursuant to the Deed of Trust referred to above.

SIGNED, POSTED AND ADVERTISED this 3rd day of July, 2019.

3rd David M. Allen

DAVID M. ALLEN, Trustee

711 Delmas Ave. Pascagoula, MS 39568 228-762-8021 07/03; 07/10; 07/17/19

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2014, Tommy Guidroz and Stephanie Guidroz, husband and wife executed a certain deed of trust to Jay Morris, Attorney, Trustee for the benefit of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2015 at Page 189; and WHEREAS, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper has heretofore substituted Shapiro & Brown, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated June 18, 2019 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2019 at Page 14107; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shapiro & Brown, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 7, 2019 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 249, Highpoint Townhomes, Phase II, as recorded in Plat Book 6, at Pages 46-48, and 47-49 in Plat Book 6, at Page 57, all in the office of the Chancery Clerk, of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 2nd day of July, 2019.

Shapiro & Brown, LLC

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

Shapiro & Brown, LLC

1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202

Flowood, MS 39232

(601) 981-9299 249

Highpoint Dr Diamondhead, MS 39525 19-024253

07/10; 07/17; 07/24; 07/31/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JAMES R. LOE PLAINTIFF VERSUS

PATRICIA R. KUHN; WILLIE WALKER, SR.; ALL-PHASE CONSTRUCTION; JIM HOOD, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL; JOEL SMITH IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2012, PARCEL 139B-0-40-055-00, KNOWN AS LOTS 1, SQUARE 1010, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 10 IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:19-CV-00364-JS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: PATRICIA R. KUHN; WILLIE WALKER, SR.; ALL-PHASE CONSTRUCTION and All Other Persons, Firms and Corporations Having or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest in the Following Described Land Sold for Taxes on August 27, 2012, PARCEL 139B-0-40-055-00, KNOWN AS LOTS 1, SQUARE 1010, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 10 IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SIAaBar Management Co., LLC, Plaintiff, seeking to quiet and confirm title in the above-described real property. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above.

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Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20th day of June, 2019.

(SEAL)

Timothy Kellar

By: Cassie Tribble, D.C.

Chancery Clerk of Hancock County

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Gulfport, MS 39501

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TATE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

EDWARD J. MARANTO AND CYNTHIA MARANTO; JIM HOOD, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL; JOEL SMITH IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, PARCEL 139G-0-29-040-00, KNOWN AS LOTS 5 AND 6 OF BLOCK "F", HARBOR ESTATES SECOND ADDITION IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:19-CV-00365-MA SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Edward J. Maranto, Cynthia Maranto and All Other Persons, Firms and Corporations Having or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest in the Following Described Land Sold for Taxes on August 27, 2012, PARCEL 139A-0-40-123-00, KNOWN AS LOTS 21 and 22, BLOCK 315, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, ADDITION 1, IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
This is to give notice that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission proposes to undertake the following:

PORT BIENVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK METHANOL FACILITY, RAIL LINE EXTENSION, AND DOCK INSTALLATION PROJECT

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is requesting the use of U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act entitlement funding for construction of an airport hangar facility and other associated amenities for the Port Bienville Industrial Park Methanol Facility, Rail Line Extension, and Dock Installation project.

In deciding whether to fund the proposed project, U.S. Department of the Treasury is obligated to follow requirements set forth by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order (E.O.) 11988 for Floodplain Management. This Notice of Intent is being provided in fulfillment of E.O. 11988.

The project site is located at Port Bienville Industrial Park (PBIP) in Pearllington, Hancock County, Mississippi. It is located approximately 1.34 miles south-southeast of Chef Menteur Highway (U.S. Highway 90), north of Port and Harbor Drive and west of Road G. The Port Bienville Industrial Canal is adjacent to the north of the project site.

The PBIP Methanol Facility, Rail Line Extension, and Dock Installation site is approximately 40.0 acres, all of which are located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panels 28045C0402D and 28045C0406D (dated October 16, 2009). Measurements would be taken during construction work to ensure that construction is performed in a manner that minimizes any negative impact to the floodplain.

This request for comment is being submitted to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the proposed activity. Additional information on the proposed activity is available to the public between the hours of 8:00 am

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JEFFREY D. CHURCH AND
UNITED MORTGAGE CORPORATION
DEFENDANTS
NO. 19-CV-267-JS
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: United Mortgage Corporation 1505 SE
40th St. Cape Coral, FL 33901 You have
been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this
Court by PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,
seeking a Judicial Foreclosure and Other
Relief. Defendant other than you in this action
is Jeffrey D. Church. This action concerns the
real property commonly known as 6022 E.
Madison Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
and being more particularly described as
follows, to-wit:
Lot 36, Square 139, Bayside Park Subdivi-
sion, Unit 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as
per plat of said subdivision of record in the
office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock
County, Mississippi. You are required to mail
or hand deliver a written response to the
Complaint filed against you in this action to
Cynthia D. Coby, Shapiro & Brown, LLC,
Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address
is 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202, Flow-
ood, MS 39232. Your response must be
mailed or delivered not later than thirty days
after the 10th day of July, 2019, which is the
date of the first publication of this summons.
If your response is not mailed or delivered, a
judgment by default will be entered against
you for the money or other things demanded
in the complaint. You must also file the origi-
nal of your response with the Clerk of this
Court within a reasonable time afterward.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court,
this 27 day of June, 2019.
(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
By: /s/ Bridgette Ladner D.C.
Shapiro & Brown, LLC
1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
601-981-9299
07/10; 07/17; 07/24/19

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Tracey Cox executed and
delivered a Promissory Note ("Note") in favor
of Roy P. Jacobs, in the principal amount of
ELEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED
AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$11,250.00) on the
8th day of August 2013; and
WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note,
Tracey Cox executed and delivered a Deed of
Trust to Christopher Davis, as Trustee for
Roy P. Jacobs, said Deed of Trust being dated
August 8, 2013, and recorded on
August 12, 2013 in Deed of Trust Book 2013
at Page 19770 in the Office of the Chancery
Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, on the 30th day of April, 2019,
Roy P. Jacobs, did substitute and appoint
Michael J. Casano as Substitute Trustee
by instrument dated April 30, 2019, and
recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2019, at
Page 10686 of the Land Deed Records of
Hancock County, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, Roy P. Jacobs is currently the
holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of
Trust; and
WHEREAS, said Mortgagor has defaulted in
the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to
make the payments therein as specified and
failing to pay the interest thereon, and under
the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebt-
edness is declared due and payable; and
WHEREAS, Roy P. Jacobs has demanded that
the same be foreclosed in the manner
provided therein so as to satisfy the indebt-
edness thereby secured; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that
the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of
Trust in accordance with applicable state law,
NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Casano of
Casano Law Firm, P.A., Substituted Trustee,
as aforesaid, will on the 31st day of July,
2019, offer for sale and sell during the legal
hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and
4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse
of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry, to
the highest bidder for cash, the following
described property, together with the appurte-
nances and improvements thereunto belong-
ing, or in any wise appertaining, lying and
being situated in Hancock County, State of
Mississippi, and being more particularly
described as follows, to-wit:
Lot 192, Silver Creek Acres, Hancock Coun-
ty, Mississippi, according to the official plat
thereof dated November 28, 1961, prepared by
Elihu R. Lucas, Jr., Registered Civil
Engineer, on file and of record in the office
of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,
Mississippi.
Title to said property is believed to be good,
but I convey only such title as is vested in me
as Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 5th day
of July, 2019.

/s/ Michael J. Casano
/s/ Michael J. Casano, Trustee
Michael J. Casano, Esq.
The Casano Law Firm, P.A.
4403 West Aloha Drive
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
228-255-0035
07/10; 07/17; 07/24/19

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Mrs. Bay St. Louis 2019

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ried women, will be held
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4, 2019, with finals on
Sunday, August 4, 2019, at
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School in Tupelo, MS.

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her state (residency at a
military base or dual-resi-
dency is acceptable), and
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fitness wear, and evening
gown, each worth 25% of

her total score. There are
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organization!

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
LYLIE NICHOLS
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JOSEPH I. ADOLPH,
Deceased; HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ADRAIN
ADOLPH CUSSEAU, Deceased; ROSE-
MARY CUSSEAU CARR; DOTTIE CUS-
SEAU HAWKINS; HELEN CUSSEAU;
CAROLYN CUSSEAU LEE; LATANYA
CUSSEAU JACKSON; DENISE CUS-
SEAU JACKSON; LATOYIA WILLIAMS
WILWRIGHT; LAMONT CSSEAU; HEIRS-
AT-LAW OF FERDINAND ADOLPH,
Deceased; REGINA ADOLPH; ELAINE
ADOLPH; GERVAISE GUTIERREZ; ZENA
R. THOMAS SAUCIER; EUREKA D.
LANEAUX; HEIRS-AT-LAW OF URSULA
CUSSEAU WILLIAMS, Deceased; HEIRS-
AT-LAW OF CLIFTON CUSSEAU, JR.,
Deceased; HEIRS-AT-LAW OF MICHAEL
CUSSEAU, Deceased; and ANY AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS. DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 23CH118-cv-0177-MA
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: a) the known and unknown HEIRS-AT-
LAW OF URSULA CUSSEAU WILLIAMS,
Deceased; b) the known and unknown
HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLIFTON CUSSEAU,
JR., Deceased; c) the known and unknown
HEIRS-AT-LAW OF MICHAEL CUSSEAU,
Deceased; and d) ANY AND ALL OTHER
PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal
and/or equitable interest in and to the follow-
ing real property located in Hancock County,
Mississippi:
Lot 13, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVI-
SION, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County,
Mississippi, as per the official map or plat
thereof on file and of record in the office
of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,
Mississippi.
Being further identified as PARCEL NO.
137J-0-44-190.000.
You have been made a Defendant in the suit
filed in this Court by the Plaintiff herein, Lylie
Nichols, asserting legal ownership of the
above described property and seeking to
confirm Plaintiff's title thereto.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a
written response to the Complaint filed
against you in this action to Preston J.
Maufray Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing
address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis,
Mississippi 39521, and whose street address
is 519 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Missis-
sippi 39520.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR
DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY
(30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
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DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST
YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF
DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your
Response with the Clerk of this Court within
a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said
Court, this 28th day of June, 2019.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court
By: /s/ Ashley Miller, Deputy Clerk
Preston J. Maufray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
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07/03; 07/10; 07/17/19

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BSL Little Theatre Auditions for “The Manchurian Candidate”

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre
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popular thriller “The
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stage by John Lahr based on the novel by
Richard Condon. The Bay St. Louis Little
Theatre Guild chose this play as the 2019-
2020 season opener. “Eerie, shocking,
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Auditions will be held on Saturday,
July 13th at 10am and Monday, July 15th
at 6:30pm. The Theatre is located at 398
Blaise Avenue in the Depot District. The
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trated by the utterly ruthless Mrs. Iselin
and involving her war hero son, her sena-
tor husband, and a secret group of enemy
leaders.

The movie version of “The Manchurian
Candidate” was made in 1962 and has
remained popular to this day. The popu-
larity is due mainly to its stars Frank
Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, and Angela
Lansbury.

“The Manchurian Candidate” opens the
new season of shows on September 20th,
2019. Show dates are September 20, 21,
22, 27, 28, and 29. For more information
call 504-453-4888 or 228-467-9024.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JAMES R. LOE
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
KATHERINE GRANBERRY; JIM HOOD, IN
HIS CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL;
JOEL SMITH IN HIS CAPACITY AS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUN-
TY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER
PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR
EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOW-
ING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES
ON AUGUST 27, 2012, PARCEL 139A-0-40-
123.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 21 AND 22,
BLOCK 315, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVI-
SION, UNIT 3, ADDITION 1, IN HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 23CH119-CV-00863-CB
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Katherine Granberry and All Other
Persons, Firms and Corporations Having
or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest
in the Following Described Land Sold for
Taxes on August 27, 2012, PARCEL 139A-0-
40-123.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 21 and 22,
BLOCK 315, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVI-
SION, UNIT 3, ADDITION 1, IN HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

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Clermont Harbor celebrates 4th of July



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The Clermont Harbor Civic Association hosted its annual 4th of July parade on Saturday, June 29, led by Grand Marshal James Kniesel. This year's parade -- beginning and ending at Harold & Lillian's -- featured golf carts, floats, antique cars and trucks and more.



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